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it not correct to say that the prosecutions pending against the Youth Congress were dropped by Government at the instance of local Congressmen of Sattur? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Apart from representations, Government take into consideration the seriousness of the case involved and if it is a trivial matter, that fact is taken into consideration for ordering withdrawal or not. That is why that particular order was passed."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, விருது நகரிலே **Additional first-class Magistrate** கோர்ட்டிலே செக்ஷன் 160, **I.P.C.** பிறகாரம் '**one of them was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one month**' என்று கூறப்பட்டிருக்கிறதே, அவர் காங்கிரஸ் காரரா ? அல்லது திராவிட கழகத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவரா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir." (Laughter.)

Women workers in the Government Press, Madras.

11-50 a.m. * 208 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the **Minister for** Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of women workers in the Government Press in the year 1953;

(*b*) the nature of work turned out by them; and

(*c*) the minimum wages or salary paid to them?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஸார், நமது சர்க்கார் அச்சகத்திலே 70 பெண்கள் வேலை செய்கிறார்களே, அவர்களில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் நிரந்தரமாக வேலை செய்கிறார்கள் ? எத்தனை பேர்கள் தாற்காலிகமாக வேலை செய்து வருகிறார்கள் ? அதிலே விதவைகள், மற்றும் அனாதைகள் எத்தனை பேர்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரியார் அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information as to the nature of their service, whether they are permanent or temporary. About their private life, whether they are widows or married and all that, I am not interested in it." (Laughter.)

Collection of land revenue by the panchayat boards.

* 209 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to entrust the panchayat boards in the State with the collection of land revenue?

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THE HON SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The Government have not yet taken up the consideration of the proposal."

Harassment of Harijans in Anaicut village, Vellore taluk, North Arcot district.

* 210 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report of the Collector of North Arcot has been received regarding harassment of Harijans on 16th January 1954 in Vellore and Gudiyatham taluks; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have received report of an isolated case of rioting in Anaicut village of Vellore taluk on the 16th January 1954 as a result of a petty quarrel between a Caste Hindu and a Harijan during a bull race which was held in the village earlier in the day. As desired by the hon. Member, extracts from the reports received from the Collector on the incident are placed on the table of the House. Apart from this, no other case of harassment of Harijans by Caste Hindus on that day has been brought to the Government's notice either from Vellore or Gudiyatham taluk."

Shifting of District Headquarters Hospital from Chingleput to Kancheepuram.

* 293 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been decided to shift the District Headquarters Hospital from Chingleput to Kancheepuram; and

(*b*) if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The proposal has been deferred."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What are the reasons that weighed with the Government to defer this proposal? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There was a tug-of-war between Chingleput and Kancheepuram."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the reasons were which prompted the Government first to think of shifting the Headquarters Hospital at Chingleput to Kancheepuram? "

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